

4 • searching in storage means (7) for at least one subject for which a symmetric
5 key must be created;
6 • creating at least one individual request for creating a symmetric key for said
7 subject;
8 • transmitting a key generating request corresponding to said individual creation
9 request to a key generating center (8), and
10 • issuing by said key generating center a symmetric key in accordance with said
11 transmitted key generating request.

1 52. A computer system (1) for creating symmetrical cryptographic keys,
2 for managing subjects by said system, characterized in that it comprises a key
3 generating center (8) for creating at least one pair of keys at the request of the local
4 registration authority (5) with which the key generating center communicates; at least
5 one certification authority (12) to which the system has access for creating a
6 certificate at the request of the local registration authority (5) and means for
7 automating the creation of at least one key for each subject managed by the system
8 (1).--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract at page 27 as follows:

Line 8, delete the paragraph return so that "The present invention..." follows
after "...pair of keys".

Line 11, delete "Figure for the abstract: Fig. 1.